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**PORTSMOUTH'S OLDE TOWNE HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL  
PROMISES JOY AND DELIGHT FOR ALL**

(PORTSMOUTH, VA) – The sounds of the season will come alive on Saturday, Dec. 13 as musical groups and performers of all kinds fill the streets and venues of Olde Towne Portsmouth with sound and song during the annual Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival.

Capping the day is the Holiday Parade, when Santa Claus arrives by fire boat at High Street at 5:30 p.m. Santa will then join the parade in a horse-and-buggy. The festival concludes with a sing-along with Santa on the Court Street Stage.

The line-up of musical events is as follows:

- **Barbara Chapman & Debra Cross**, a harp/flute duo, will perform inside St. John Episcopal Church at 424 Washington St. from 5-6 p.m.
- **Brighton Elementary School Chorus** will entertain from 1:30-1:55 p.m. at the Riverview Galleries in the 100 block of High Street.
- **The Cantata Chorus** will perform Handel's Messiah at 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at 500 Court St.
- **Carols by Mike**, featuring a vocal performance of favorite Christmas carols, will take place from noon-12:30 p.m. in front of M&M Crockin Furniture Store in the 200 block of High Street.
- **Churchland Academy Elementary Chorus** will perform from 1:30-1:55 p.m. on the holiday music stage in the 400 block of High Street.
- **Churchland High School Chorus** will perform from 2:05- 2:55 p.m. at the Children's Museum Courtyard in the 200 block of High Street and from 4:05-4:55 p.m. at the Riverview Gallery in the 100 block of High Street.
- **Churchland Middle School Chorus** will perform from 1:30-1:55 p.m. at the Children Museum Courtyard and from 2:05-2:55 p.m. at the Riverview Gallery.
- **Colonial Singers of Williamsburg** represent a step back in time with period costumes and traditional songs. This group performs at Court Street Baptist Church in the 300 block of High Street from 2-3 p.m.
- **Cradock Middle Chorus** will perform from 1:05-1:25 p.m. at the Children's Museum Courtyard.

- **Cradock Middle Chorus and Wilson High Chorus** will perform from 1:30-1:55 p.m. at the Children Museum Courtyard.
- **Cradock and Waters Middle choruses** will perform from 2:05-2:55 p.m. on the holiday music stage.
- **Danny Taylor's** silent antics will bring smiles throughout the festival area from 1-4 p.m.
- **Diamond Dolls Cloggers** will perform from 2-3 p.m. in front of the Sports Hall of Fame in the 200 block.
- **Elmo Lawrence** will bring holiday cheer in the style of jazz/rhythm and blues from 4-5 p.m. at 722 High Street.
- **Emanuel AME Church Male Chorus** will provide familiar favorites and seasonal sounds from 3-4 p.m. in front of Comfort Restaurant in the 700 block of High Street.
- **Eric Taylor** performs from 3-3:30 p.m. in front of the Bier Garden in the 500 block of High Street.
- **Family and Friends**, comprised of 10 vocalists, will perform favorite holiday carols and more at the Sports Hall of Fame in the 200 block of High Street from noon-1 p.m. and at Baron's Pub in the 500 block of High Street from 2-3 p.m.
- **Fire & Ice Quartet**, an a cappella ensemble, will perform from 1-2 p.m. in front of Trinity Episcopal Church in the 400 block of High Street and from 3-5 p.m. in front of St Paul Catholic Church in the 500 block of High Street.
- **Four Karat Gold**, the Barbershop Harmony Society Mid-Atlantic District Seniors Quartet champions for 2008, will perform from 3-4 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. in front of First Presbyterian Church.
- **Group Determination**, a male group, will be featured from 2-3 p.m. at 722 High Street.
- **Herb Smith**, classical guitarist, will perform from 2:15-3:30 p.m. on the corner of the Kitchen Koop in the 600 block of High Street and again from 3:45-4:30 p.m. at the Bier Garden in the 500 block of High Street.
- **Hye-Yun Bennett**, classical harpist, will perform upstairs in the Courthouse Galleries from noon-1:30 p.m.
- **C. Norcom High School Chorus** will perform familiar favorites and seasonal sounds from 3:05-3:55 p.m. at the Riverview Gallery in the 100 block of High Street and again from 4:05-4:30 p.m. at the Children's Museum Courtyard.
- **Jeff Barba** will be featured from noon-2 p.m. in front of the Bier Garden.

- **Jim Smith**, an Elvis impersonator, will perform a tribute to Elvis from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Bier Garden.
- **John Tyler Elementary Chorus** will perform from 1:05-1:25 p.m. on the Holiday Music Stage.
- **Joyful Tidings**, Victorian carolers, will perform throughout the festival area from 3-6 p.m. with a special stop at First Presbyterian Church from 2-3 p.m.
- **Kelli's Dance Explosion** will dance from 1-2 p.m. at 722 High St.
- **Legion** will perform from noon-2 p.m. at Comfort Restaurant in the 700 block of High Street.
- **Me and Jo** will perform from noon-2 p.m. in front of Travel Designs in the 200 block of High Street.
- **Michael Creech** will perform from 5-6 p.m. at Baron's Pub in the 500 block of High Street.
- **Moonstruck Music** will perform throughout the festival area from 1-5 p.m.
- **Music Study Club of Chesapeake**, an a cappella Virginia Federation of Music Club ensemble, is the only federated club in the City of Chesapeake. It will perform throughout the festival area from 2-4 p.m.
- **N-Tune**, an a cappella ensemble, will sing holiday tunes throughout the area from 2-5 p.m.
- **Parkview Elementary Chorus & Strings** will showcase its talents from 12:05-12:55 p.m. at the Children's Museum Courtyard.
- **Peanut City Cloggers** will perform from 3-4 p.m. in front of the Sports Hall of Fame.
- **Reggie Gist**, saxophonist, will perform from 2-3 p.m. in front of M&M Crockin Furniture Store and again from 5-6 p.m. at 722 High Street.
- **Ron Rhythm** will entertain from 1:30-2 p.m. in front of M&M Crockin Furniture Store and from 2:30-3 p.m. in front of the Bier Garden.
- **Share** will perform from noon-1 p.m. in front of Devonshire Square in the 600 block of High Street.
- **Silver Notes** will sing holiday favorites from noon-2 p.m. in front of First Presbyterian Church and from 4-5 p.m. at Baron's Pub in the 500 block of High Street.

- **Still Searching** vocal quartet will perform at Baron's Pub from 3-4 p.m.
- **Skylark** musical duo with keyboards and vocals will perform in front of Devonshire Square in the 600 block of High Street from 4-5 p.m.
- **Spirit Enhancers** will dance from 4-5 p.m. in front of the Sports Hall of Fame in the 200 block of High Street.
- **Sons of Zion** gospel group will perform from 1-2 p.m. in front of Devonshire Square in the 600 block of High Street.
- **Swing Time** jazz group will perform at Baron's Pub in the 500 block of High Street from noon-2 p.m.
- **The Doorway Singers** vocal quartet will perform from noon-2 p.m. in front of the Kitchen Koop and from 2-4 p.m. in various locations in the festival area.
- **The Sounds of the Anointed** a cappella gospel group will extend a holiday message from 3-4 p.m. in front of Travel Design in the 200 block of High Street.
- **The UTC Choir** will perform favorite carols and more from 2-4 p.m. in front of Devonshire Square in the 600 block of High Street.
- **Woodrow Wilson High Chorus** will perform at 4:05-4:55 p.m. on the Holiday Music stage.
- **Woodrow Wilson High Zone Vocal Ensembles (James Edward and Melissa Doughty)** will perform on the Holiday Music Stage in the 400 block of High Street from 3:05-3:55 p.m.
- **Woodrow Wilson High Zone Vocal Ensembles (Rosemarie Packard and Ronald Watson)** will perform from 3:05-3:55 p.m. at the Children's Museum Courtyard.
- **Young Men of Praise** will perform from 1-1:30 p.m. in front of M&M Crockin Furniture Store.

Other non-musical activities of the festival include:

- **Olde Towne Bakery** will sell hot chocolate, cider and coffee and hot food at 513 High Street.
- **The Daily Grind** will sell hot chocolate and apple cider at 300 High Street.
- **Candy and bottled water** will be distributed free of charge by Green Lakes Baptist Church and the Rev. Dr. Dwight Buchholz on the corner of High and Court Streets by Tidewater Community College from noon-3 p.m.
- **The Portsmouth Fire Department** will host warming fires throughout the festival area. Special treats include free toasted marshmallows and candy canes.

- **Santa Claus Shuffle**, moving from Norfolk to Portsmouth this year, is scheduled for the morning of the Olde Towne Holiday Music Festival. Currently in its 14th year, the Santa Claus Shuffle is a 5K race and 1-mile fun run-walk that draws 700 to 1,000 participants and benefits Children's Resources Hampton Roads. Participants are encouraged to wear creative holiday costumes. Prizes will be awarded. The run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 9 a.m. For more information call 757-488-9161 or visit [www.ChildrensResourcesHR.org](http://www.ChildrensResourcesHR.org) or [emailsclaus@trghc.org](mailto:emailsclaus@trghc.org).
- **The Children's Christmas Shoppe** is a place where only children ages 3 to 12 are allowed to shop for holiday gifts. All presents are one price and includes gift-wrapping. The shop will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church at 500 Court St. For more information call 757-393-0431 or visit [www.trinityportsmouth.org](http://www.trinityportsmouth.org).
- **The Olde Towne Santa** will arrive by Elizabeth River Ferry to greet children. Santa arrives by ferry at 11:55 a.m. at High Street Landing, 101 High St., and will be available for two hours for free photos with children. The event is presented by Starboards. Carolers will perform at Starboards from noon-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Coffee, hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies will be provided. For more information call 757-478-0056 or visit [www.visitstarboards.com](http://www.visitstarboards.com).
- **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum** at 2 High St. will provide guided tours, ornament making and shopping in the museum's gift shop from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Hysterically Correct Carolers will perform from noon-4 p.m. with carols, tunes and sing-alongs. Call 757-393-8591 for more information.

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